

## United States Senate

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The Honorable Lisa Jackson  
Administrator  
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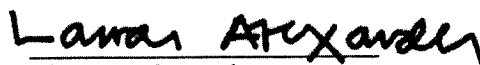
Dear Administrator Jackson,

I am writing to request that you extend the public comment period on proposed rules for the disposal of coal ash from coal fired power plants beyond the September 20, 2010 deadline, and that you hold a public hearing in Roane County, Tennessee to discuss those proposed rules.

It is my understanding that EPA is holding a number of hearings in several states regarding the proposed rules on coal ash disposal, but none in Tennessee. In December 2008, an impoundment in Roane County broke open, spilling 5.4 million cubic yards of coal ash into the Emory and Clinch rivers and surrounding land. That spill displaced residents, caused significant environmental damage, and may require up to \$1.2 billion in clean-up costs. Given this tragic event, the people of Tennessee have a unique perspective on this issue that would be beneficial to EPA while you are writing a final rule.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lamar Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Lamar Alexander  
United States Senate